

BLM Oregon Recreation Guide

Salem District

When you are hiking through an ancient forest, following the Oregon Trail, or spotting whales off-shore, recreation in the BLM's Salem District is a portrait of contrasts. Bounded on the north by the Columbia River, public lands are scattered from the Pacific coastline across forested slopes and valley meadows to the Cascade Mountain Range. From mushroom gathering to gold panning, or mountain hiking to horseback riding, many adventures await you here.

- Wildwood Recreation Site:** Mount Hood, Oregon's tallest mountain, beckons travelers through a forested corridor to wade the waters of the Wild and Scenic Salmon River. Located along the Salmon River, Wildwood Recreation Site is a day use area that is home to the Cascade Streamwater Trail. These trails provide visitors with a unique opportunity to explore natural stream and wetland ecosystems along accessible interpretive trails and boardwalks. From the trail, visitors can also view young salmon and steelhead in a natural stream. This recreation site offers family picnic units, group shelters, playing fields, and Salmon River access trails.
- Little North Santiam Recreation Area:** This Recreation Area offers high quality opportunities for swimming, camping, picnicking, fishing and hiking along the Little North Santiam River. Both Elkhorn and Canyon Creek recreation sites have popular swimming areas. Elkhorn offers family camp units, river access and walking trails. Canyon Creek provides access and picnic sites to a sandy beach along the river.
- Nestucca River:** The Nestucca River Back Country Byway takes travelers through the verdant forests along this scenic waterway. Whether you're exploring the region by car, motorcycle, or mountain bike, you'll find a riverside picnic table or a camping spot at any of four BLM recreation sites located along the route.
- Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area:** Oregon's tallest lighthouse beckons visitors to this rugged headland jutting into the Pacific Ocean. Come



Quarry Cove Tidepools at Yaquina Head (OR)

- here to marvel at migrating California gull whales, or harbor seals lounging on off-shore rocks. Remember to bring a telephoto lens for one of the nation's closest mainland views of a seabird nesting colony. The site harbors one of Oregon's four marine gardens in its rocky intertidal area, and boasts a variety of trails, ocean access areas, and an interpretive center. Come explore the world's first artificially constructed, accessible tidepools, an experiment in ocean engineering and marine biology that transformed an old quarry site. Opened to the sea in 1994, the new tidepools already provide habitat for barnacles, crabs, sculpins, mussels, and sea anemones, with more new species moving in as the site evolves.
- Mollalla River Recreation Corridor:** Enjoy a scenic drive along the Mollalla River. This corridor offers easy river access and opportunities for picnicking, swimming, camping and fishing. Hike, ride a horse, or take a mountain bike on the Mollalla River shared-use trails system. This system is an extensive network of forested non-motorized trails that offers scenic glimpses of the Mollalla River and the Cascade Mountain Range. Development and management of the 50-mile trails system is part of a cooperative effort with Mollalla River Watch Inc., and several hiking, biking and equestrian groups.
 - Fishermen's Bend Recreation Site:** Nestled along a forested curve of the North Santiam River, Fishermen's Bend site is popular with both families and large groups. The area offers family camps, picnic sites, group shelters, cabins, and river access trails. Visitors can take a leisurely stroll along a one-mile nature trail that offers views of the North Santiam River and wetland habitats. A nature center and an amphitheater provide information and programs for visitors.
 - Quartzville Recreation Site:** Drive the Quartzville National Back Country Byway, past the eternal depth of Green Peter Reservoir and along the meandering waters of the Wild and Scenic Quartzville Creek. Discover a landscape of old-growth and maturing forests, accented by rock outcroppings, wildflowers and vivid fall colors. Cool off, fish, or pan for gold in the creek. Stay overnight, or picnic at Yellowstone Recreation Site, which offers a popular swimming hole and a one-mile trail that will lead to old-growth trees. Reserve Old Miner's Meadow, a group camp, located along Quartzville Creek, or picnic along the river at Dogwood Recreation Site.

Eugene District

Less than an hour's drive from the academic, cultural and business center of Eugene, visitors to the public lands in the BLM's Eugene District can find quality recreational opportunities to satisfy nearly every taste. From bicycling, hunting, and hiking, to auto touring, blackberry picking, and botanical sightseeing, visitors searching for forested places with less traveled roads, uncrowded campgrounds and a little more freedom will find it here.

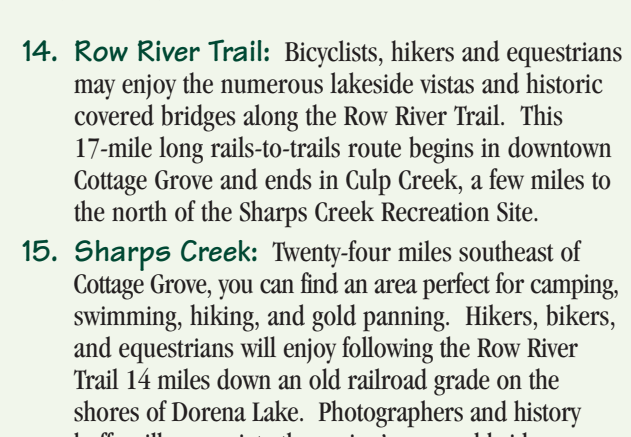
- Shotgun Creek Recreation Site:** If you, your family, or even a large group of friends would like to picnic in one of the region's premier facilities, try Shotgun Park. Located about 25 miles north of Springfield, the park features swimming, ball fields, a volleyball court, and a playground, plus fishing and

- hiking trails to make any day a full and rewarding adventure. Bring along a bicycle and explore the miles of roads and trails outside the park boundary.
- Upper Lake Creek:** Plan a picnic or set up camp near Hull Reservoir, where you can spend the afternoon canoeing, warm water fishing, or exploring many miles of trails and forest roads. Then, wander through the surrounding mountains to find the Salem District's Alsea Recreation Area and Back Country Byway.
 - Lake Creek Falls:** Just south of Triangle Lake along Highway 36, you'll find scenic waterfalls with natural water slides and hiking trails. Visit the Watchable Wildlife site at the fish ladder where, in the fall, you can see hundreds of migrating salmon on their way to spawning grounds upstream.
 - West Eugene Wetlands:** On the western edge of Eugene, visitors can view wildlife and restored wetlands while they walk trails or ride the Fern Ridge Bicycle path through the West Eugene Wetlands. Visit the Danabo Drive project office to learn more about how BLM, landowners and local partners are restoring the area's complex ecosystem.
 - McKenzie River:** One of the region's most popular rivers for white water rafting and float boating, the McKenzie also offers easy access to world class trout and steelhead fishing. At this site, just 30 minutes east of Springfield on Highway 126, don't be surprised if you find yourself sharing the water with osprey, great blue herons, and bald eagles. These and other species are featured at the accessible Silver Creek Watchable Wildlife Site near Vida.



Rafting on North Umpqua River

- Siuslaw River:** Forty minutes southwest of Eugene, visitors can enjoy picnicking, swimming, and fishing at the Clay Creek and Whittaker Creek Campgrounds. The Whittaker Creek site features the Old Growth Trail, a challenging 1.25-mile climb with rewarding views of the coast range and interpretive signs to help you identify the region's many trees and shrubs. The Clay Creek site boasts a scenic loop trail overlooking the Siuslaw River. Upriver, you'll discover numerous boat launches and fishing spots.

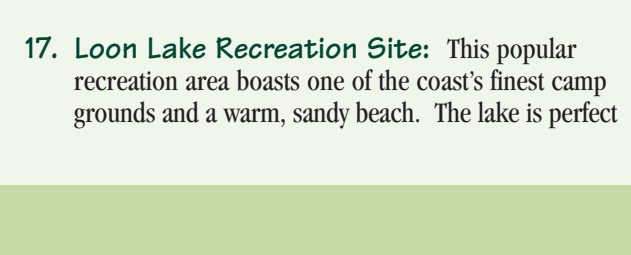


Fishing on the Rogue River

- Row River Trail:** Bicyclists, hikers and equestrians may enjoy the numerous lakeside vistas and historic covered bridges along the Row River Trail. This 17-mile long rails-to-trails route begins in downtown Cottage Grove and ends in Gulp Creek, a few miles to the north of the Sharps Creek Recreation Site.
- Sharps Creek:** Twenty-four miles southeast of Cottage Grove, you can find an area perfect for camping, swimming, hiking, and gold panning. Hikers, bikers, and equestrians will enjoy following the Row River Trail 14 miles down an old railroad grade on the shores of Dorena Lake. Photographers and history buffs will appreciate the region's covered bridges, mementos of Oregon's past.
- Tyrell Forest Succession Trail:** Three miles southwest of the town of Lorane, visitors can learn the plant species and botanical associations that occur in different ages of western Oregon's managed forest. The Tyrell Forest Succession Trail takes hikers from recently harvested forest through magnificent old growth timber stands.

Coos Bay District

From verdant forests to the rocky Pacific shore, adventurous visitors will find the BLM's Coos Bay District filled with natural wonders. So much to do, so little time: Watch a sunset spread light over the Pacific Ocean at Coos Head. Hike through an old growth forest at Cherry Creek. Explore miles of scenic back roads by vehicle, mountain bike, or horseback. Fish for salmon, steelhead, and sea-run cutthroat trout in the area's numerous rivers, bays, and streams. These are just a few of the Coos Bay District's recreation highlights.



Hiking Trails

- Loon Lake Recreation Site:** This popular recreation area boasts one of the coast's finest camp grounds and a warm, sandy beach. The lake is perfect

for swimming, fishing, and water skiing. Campsites, some accessible, are available for both tent campers and those with motor homes. To get there, follow County Road 3 to the site 20 miles southeast of Reedsport.

- Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area:** This premier viewing site for Roosevelt elk and wetland waterfowl gives visitors an up-close look at wildlife in their natural habitat. Elk are visible almost every day of the year, sharing the pastures, wetlands, ponds, and adjacent forest with snowy egrets, osprey, and red-winged blackbirds. Located 3 miles east of Reedsport along State Highway 38, the site is fully accessible, featuring an interpretive display and wildlife viewing platforms.
- Coos Bay Shorelands:** This site is the southernmost end of a series of sand dunes extending along the Oregon coastline from Florence to Coos Bay. The ever-changing habitat is home to a wide variety of mammals and birds, including some threatened and endangered species. Strolling along the beach, visitors may glimpse a peregrine falcon diving on a flock of shorebirds, or whales spouting offshore. A full-sized boat ramp is open for public use at no charge.
- Doerner Fir Trail:** The Doerner Fir is one of the largest coast Douglas fir trees in the world. Winding roads take travelers through some of the most valuable forests in the nation to this site 50 miles from Coos Bay in Oregon's Coast Range mountains. En route, the Park Creek and Burnt Mountain recreation sites provide camping and restaurants. Once at the trail head, take a half-mile hike through a pristine old-growth stand to the Doerner Fir. Maps directing visitors to this site are available at the Coos Bay District Office.
- New River Area of Critical Environmental Concern:** Running parallel to the Pacific Ocean for nine miles, this coastal river is separated from the ocean by only a thin foredune of sand. Many rare birds, animals, and plants depend on New River's estuary, forest, meadow, wetland, and shrub habitat for survival. Dedicated almost exclusively to Watchable Wildlife, the area remains secluded and primitive, providing nature enthusiasts with short, rustic, self-guided loop trails to view wildlife. Visitors are asked not to bring pets into the area.

- Sixes River Recreation Area:** In 1856, the discovery of gold on the Sixes River caused a flurry of gold mining and settlement on the southern Oregon Coast. Recreational miners still camp at the Sixes River campground during certain times of the year. The area is also popular with people looking for a more rustic camping experience in an off-highway location. Explore the region as early miners did by rock-hopping or walking along the river. Or set a more leisurely pace by bird watching, playing in the water, and relaxing in the shady campground. During the summer months, arrive early to get a camp site.
- Cape Blanco Lighthouse:** The oldest lighthouse in the state, Cape Blanco Lighthouse sits atop wind-swept bluffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean. These bluffs, the westernmost point of land in Oregon, provide an unparalleled opportunity to watch California gray whales and other marine mammals. The site's proximity to the Cape Blanco State Park provides visitors with camping, hiking, and beach combing opportunities in addition to a lighthouse visit.



Cape Blanco Lighthouse

Roseburg District

Forests of fir, pine, cedar, and hemlock tower over streams and rivers in the BLM's Roseburg District. Whether you're canoeing down river, bow hunting for deer, or walking in a hushed stand of old growth forest, you'll be impressed by the strength and vitality of the natural world in southwestern Oregon. These lands provide myriad challenges for natural recreators and experienced outdoor enthusiasts alike.

- Tyee Recreation Site:** North of Roseburg on the main stem of the Umpqua River, this popular bass fishing site draws anglers back year after year. Tyee Campground, popular for river activities and picnicking, includes a covered pavilion to accommodate large group gatherings. Bird-watches will find osprey in the area.
- Millpond & Rock Creek Recreation Sites:** Located in proximity to one another, these two recreation sites are popular for picnicking and camping. Bring your family reunion, your scout troop, or your whole office to Millpond Recreation Site to enjoy the baseball field, large pavilion, playground and small swimming hole. Rock Creek also has a covered shelter for group use.
- Scaredman Recreation Site:** A little more primitive than other area campgrounds, this is an ideal destination for the hardied city dweller wanting to get away from it all. Adjacent to Canton Creek, a tributary of the North Umpqua River, the site is located near a popular swimming hole, just a quarter mile away. Although the creek is closed to fishing, world-class fly fishing is available nearby on the North Umpqua River.
- Susan Creek Recreation Site, North Umpqua WSR:** Anglers from across the nation are lured to this river by the steelhead, as well as Chinook and Coho salmon runs. Emerald green waters and whitewater rapids attract boaters. The Scenic Byway (highway 138) parallels the river, offering numerous viewpoints popular with photographers. The Susan Creek Recreation Area sits amid majestic forests ideal for camping, hiking, wildlife watching and picnicking. A refreshing hike to the 50 foot Susan Creek waterfall begins at the day use area.
- Wolf Creek Falls Trail:** The 1.2-mile forest trail leads to two dramatic waterfalls that rush over rock cliffs and plummet into basins below. An accessible trail leads to a serene picnic site under a beautiful forest canopy.

- Cavitts Creek Falls Recreation Site:** Cavitts Creek Falls, a dense forest setting of the beaten path, is best known for its swimming hole at the base of a 7 foot waterfall. Enjoy the picnic facilities and the campground to relax and cool off on a hot summer day.
- Cow Creek Recreational Gold Panning Site:** Return to the days of the 49ers at this public gold panning site along Cow Creek. Much of the creek runs through a rocky canyon, home to red-tailed hawks and other birds of prey. This site, a quiet picnic spot, lies in the middle of the 45-mile Cow Creek Back Country Byway loop.

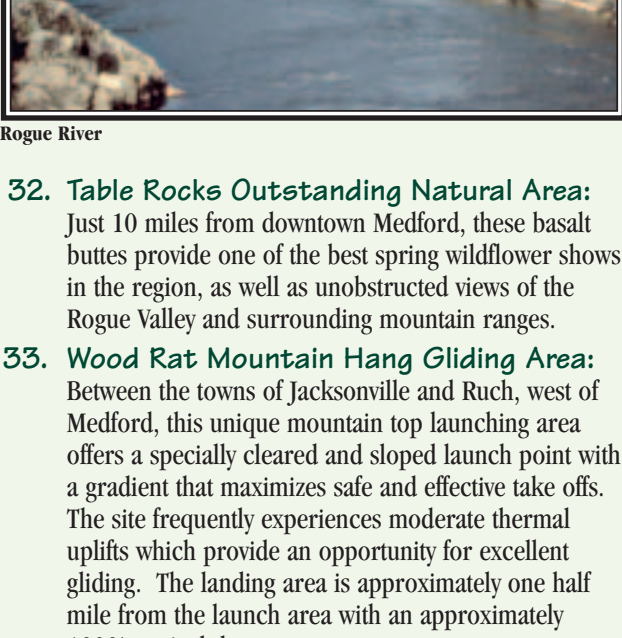


Water Recreation

Medford District

Whether you are seeking the excitement of a white water raft trip, or the quiet pleasure of watching a hawk circle in the sky above you, the public lands in BLM's Medford District offer outdoor escapes for your every mood. Located in southwestern Oregon among the Siskiyou and Cascade Mountains, the lands are part of the watersheds of four major rivers – the Illinois, the Rogue, the Applegate, and the Umpqua.

- Rogue Wild & Scenic River:** The Rogue River is internationally famous for white water rafting, salmon and steelhead fishing, wildlife viewing opportunities, and cultural resources. From May 15 through October 15, the Smullin Visitor Center (three miles west of Galice) provides information on both the wild and recreational sections of the Rogue River. Boaters floating the wild section of the river during this peak season are required to have a permit. Hikers will find access to the wild section of the river along the Rainie Falls Trail, or the Rogue River National Recreation Trail, which leads hikers to the Whiskey Creek Cabin and the Rogue River Ranch, two listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The ranch is also accessible by vehicle on the Grave Creek to Marial Back Country Byway. This route, along with the Galice-Holgate Back Country Byway, provides motorists with striking views and interpretive waysides depicting the natural history of the Rogue River Canyon.
- Warner Wetlands:** Search for Oregon's state gemstone at BLM's Sunstone Collecting Area, or discover the green oasis of the Warner Wetlands surrounded by desert landscape. Watch teeming flocks of geese, ducks, and sandhill cranes drawn to the wetland habitat. Hike or canoe miles of shoreline, then look for highborn sheep on the rocky slopes of Hart Mountain as you travel the Lakeview to Steens Back Country Byway.
- Doherty Hang Gliding Site:** The town of Lakeview is nationally known as the Hang Gliding Capital of the West. Doherty Slide Hang Glider Launch Site has become a popular take-off point for pilots from around the world who come to Lake County to fly. Even if you are not a pilot, the site offers a sweeping panorama from the top of Guano Rim, with the added excitement of colorful hang gliders riding the winds above Oregon's high desert.



Rogue River

- Table Rocks Outstanding Natural Area:** Just 10 miles from downtown Medford, these basalt buttes provide one of the best spring wildflower displays in the region, as well as unobstructed views of the Rogue Valley and surrounding mountain ranges.
- Wood Rat Mountain Hang Gliding Area:** Between the towns of Jacksonville and Ruth, west of Medford, this unique mountain top launching area offers a specially cleared and shopped launch point with a gradient that maximizes safe and effective take offs. The site frequently experiences moderate thermal uplifts which provide an opportunity for excellent gliding. The landing area is approximately one half mile from the launch area with an approximately 1000' vertical descent.
- Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail:** This Mexico-to-Canada trail, some 2,500 miles long, passes through Oregon's Cascade Mountains, including this 40-mile segment on public lands. Opportunities abound for hikers, equestrians, and photographers to take in views of Mt. Shasta, Pilot Rock, Mt. McCoughlin, Hyatt Lake, and Howard Prairie Lake. The area's diverse plant life represents four distinct physiographic regions. Other features include Beech Cabin, the Soda Mountain wilderness study area, and the Hyatt Lake Recreation Site. This section of the trail ranges from easy to moderately challenging terrain, depending on the direction of travel.
- Hyatt Lake:** This high Cascade Mountain landscape encompasses several reservoirs, with striking views of Mt. McCoughlin. Hyatt Lake provides opportunities for fishing, boating, camping, picnicking, hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding, as well as winter activities including snow play, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling. The Hyatt Lake Recreation Site is a fully developed, accessible, fee campground. No trailer hookups are available.
- John's Peak OHV Area:** Located within a half hour drive west from Medford, this area offers many trails of varying skill levels for OHV enthusiasts. Riders should be advised that the area is a combination of public lands and private lands with no marked boundaries. Environmentally responsible use is a must in this popular area. Riders are asked to stay on developed trails and respect the natural ecosystems present in the area.

Lakeview District

From the solitude of sweeping desert lands to the commotion of waterfowl flocks on vast wetlands, visitors to the BLM's Lakeview District will find a region rich in natural and cultural resources. Here, in the heartland of southern Oregon, you'll find yourself splashing through white water rapids, searching for sunstones, or even launching a hang glider to soar in clear prairie skies.

- Klamath Wild & Scenic River:** A remote, rugged landscape located 30 miles southwest of Klamath Falls, this river gives the visitor a feeling of the old west. Whitewater rafting, camping, fishing and exploring are some of the most popular activities of this area. Travel is limited to slow, rough gravel roads and jeep trails. The scenic beauty of the river canyon makes it well worth the trip!



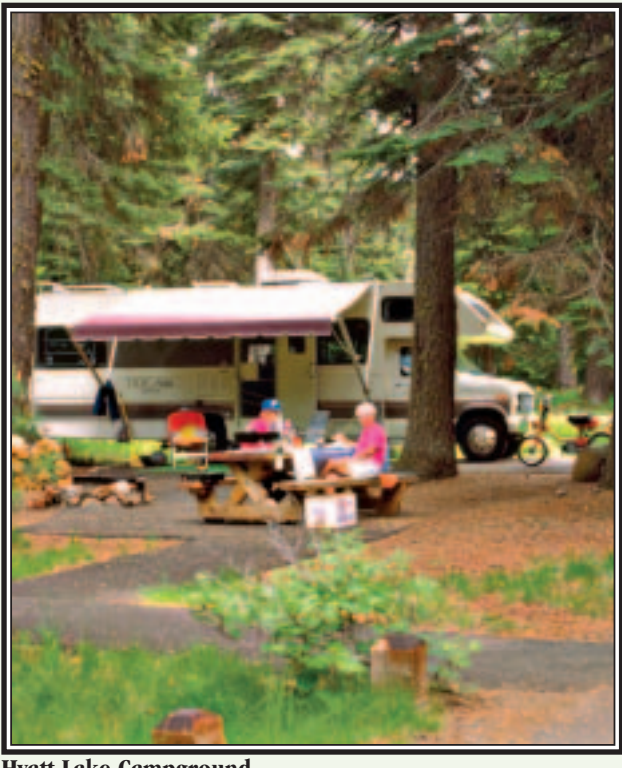
Rafting on southern Oregon River

- Wood River Wetland:** The Wood River Wetland Restoration Area offers a variety of recreational opportunities for travelers and locals alike. The area is home to countless waterfowl and migratory birds. Interpretive signs, walking trails, and a canoe launch provide visitors with many recreation options. The wetland is an excellent outdoor classroom for area educators. The wetland is open to the public year round.
- Gerber Recreation Site:** This high desert reservoir offers a wide variety of outdoor experiences. Opportunities include camping, superb wildlife viewing, fishing, and a wide network of roads and trails suitable for mountain biking. Accessible sites and facilities are available.
- Christmas Valley/Fort Rock Basin:** As you explore the Christmas Valley Back Country Byway, you'll encounter a prehistoric landscape. Journey through areas of sand dunes, a Lost Forest surrounded by desert, and dramatic volcanic features, then visit the mysterious Crack in the Ground.
- Abert Rim Scenic Corridor:** Travel beneath Abert Rim's rugged cliffs, then take a break and stretch your legs at Abert Lake Watchable Wildlife Site to learn about brine shrimp, the only creature that can survive in this alkali lake. Road weary travelers on Highway 395 between Lakeview and Burns can enjoy a picnic lunch at Highway Well Rest Area.
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Burns District

The Burns District, in southeastern Oregon's high desert country, includes a variety of landscape, from mountains and forests to desert and sagebrush. Visitors will find recreation experiences as diverse as the high desert country itself, whether they seek big game hunting, wild sailing, hot springs, or wild horses.

- Chickahominy Reservoir:** Located west of Burns along U.S. Highway 20, Chickahominy Reservoir has an outstanding trout fishery. In addition to 28 designated camp sites, camping and picnicking are also allowed near the dam. The fishing season peaks in June and resumes in September as the hot summer weather ends; ice fishing is popular from December to late February.
- Wild Horse Corralles:** The spirited wild horses that roam in 21 separate herd areas in Oregon are part of the character and history of the west. Visitors to the Corralles get a first-hand look at these creatures and the facilities where they are cared for until they are adopted by qualified families across the nation. To arrange a visit, call the Burns District Office. (See above for phone number)



Hyatt Lake Campground

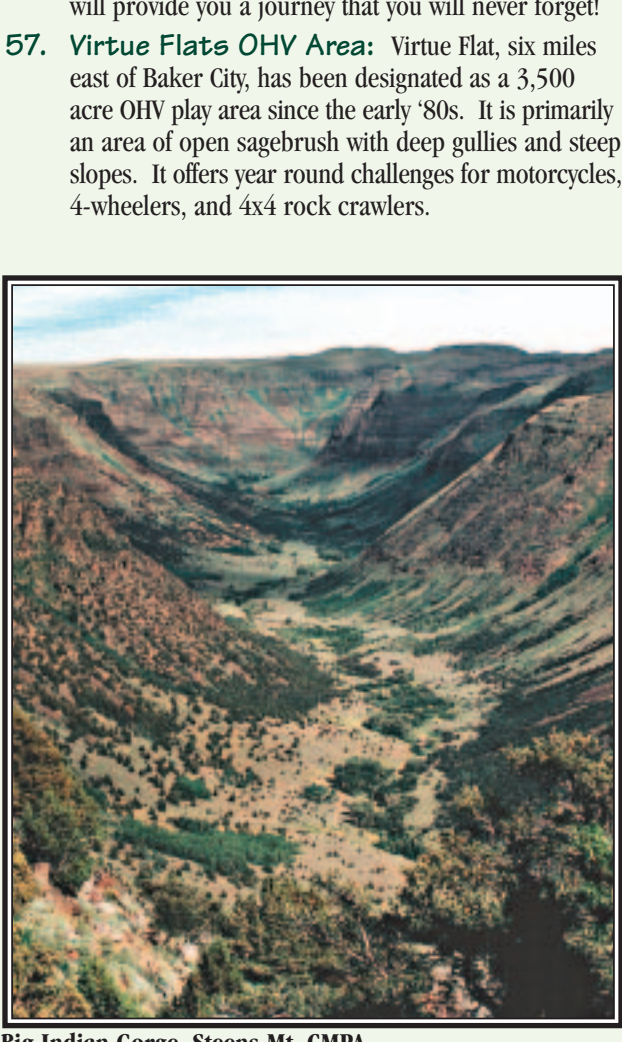
- Diamond Craters Outstanding Natural Area:** This "pancake" of volcanic flows covers an area about six miles in diameter. The site is considered by many geologists to contain some of the most diverse basaltic volcanic features in the United States, including a geyser, as well as craters, cinder cones, spatter cones, dribble spires and a water-filled maar. While you're here, take a drive on the meandering Diamond Loop Back Country Byway and enjoy sage-covered land punctuated by buttes and rimrock above broad, water-viewing valleys.
- Kiger Wild Horse Viewing Area:** Southeastern Oregon is home to the Kiger mustangs, considered one of the most pure herds of Spanish mustangs in the west today. Visitors may catch a glimpse of these wild horses at several viewing sites in a habitat area covering 37,000 acres.
- Steens Mountain CMPA:** Whether your passion is summer wildflower displays or big game hunting, you'll find adventures here as big as the high desert sky. Follow the 66-mile Steens Mountain Back Country Byway to camp near the deep, glacial gorges of Steens Mountain, a 30-mile-long fault block mountain. Along the way, you'll see pronghorn antelope, wild horses, highborn sheep, raptors, and deer. The nearby Pueblo and Trout Creek mountains also offer high altitude hiking and roduhnd trout fishing. The area boasts the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, and the Donner and Blitzen Wild & Scenic River.

- Alvord Desert/Mann Lake:** In the rain shadow of Steens Mountain, explore the Alvord Desert, where you'll encounter hot springs, salt desert plant communities, and rolling sand dunes. A huge playa lake is an ideal site for wind sailing during summer months, and nearby Mann Lake features excellent fishing and wildlife viewing opportunities.
- Oregon High Desert National Recreation Trail:** Hikers following this National Recreation Trail will eventually be able to hike the arid lands east of the Sierra and Cascade Mountains all the way from Mexico to Canada. Currently, some 240 miles of trail have been established, with field guides for seven separate sections available from the Desert Trail Association. In order to preserve the delicate desert landscape, rock cairns are provided as guide points along the trail to help hikers choose their own paths within a general trail corridor.

Vale District

A vast landscape is all yours to explore wild river canyons, underground lava tubes, and aspen covered mountains that challenge the imagination. Whether you are a rock bound seeking thunder eggs or a photographer recording the region's wildlife display, you will find plenty of adventure. Along the way you can walk in the footsteps of the pioneer families who traveled the Oregon Trail more than 150 years ago.

- Owyhee Wild & Scenic River:** More than 120 miles of rugged canyons invite you to take on the challenge of the Widow Maker Rapid, or soothe yourself with the view of spires and cliffs towering a thousand feet overhead. Keep a sharp eye out for highborn sheep, river otters and golden eagles, then tackle the steep hike into the canyon knowing you'll be rewarded with outstanding small mouth bass fishing.
- Jordan Craters Geologic Area:** For a textbook example of geology in action, explore Jordan Craters. Here you'll find lava tube caves, spatter cones, craters, pahoehoe lava flows, botomless pits, kipukas, and some of the most recent extrusions of lava in the continental United States. Whether you're peering into Coffee Pot Crater, Ghost Rock Cave, Fern Dome or Crystal Pit, you'll enjoy this journey to the center of the earth.
- Leslie Gulch:** Amazing volcanic ash tuff formations, rare plants, watchable wildlife, interesting history, and a multitude of recreational activities await the adventurer.
- Lower Owyhee Canyon Wildlife Area:** Bird watchers will flock to Lower Owyhee Canyon to catch a glimpse of a great blue heron, a double crested cormorant, or a cinnamon teal. The lush habitat along the river's banks provide abundant food, water, and cover for animals and birds to feed, rest, hunt, and nest.
- Spring Recreation Site:** Within this site is Brownlee Reservoir, known for large channel catfish, abundant crappie, and good bass fishing. On the shore of the reservoir, this recreation site provides access to great fishing, with a boat ramp and dock, fish cleaning station, and a campground.
- Wallowa/Grande Ronde Wild & Scenic Rivers:** If you are looking for a float trip with family and friends, try exploring the river systems of North-eastern Oregon! Enjoy the slow transition from the rugged steep-walled canyons and evergreen forest of the upper river section as you float into the arid, open grasslands and unique geology of the lower river. Make sure to take the time to enjoy the trout, bass, and steelhead fishing, or bird watching. This river will provide you a journey that you will never forget!
- Virtue Flats OHV Area:** Virtue Flat, six miles east of Baker City, has been designated as a 3,500 acre OHV play area since the early '80s. It is primarily an area of open sagebrush with deep gullies and steep slopes. It offers year round challenges for motorcycles, 4-wheelers, and 4x4 rock crawlers.



Big Indian Gorge, Steens Mt. CMPA



Camping in Steen Mt. CMPA

Prineville District

Whether you're seeking excitement, relaxation, or a glimpse of Oregon's historic past, your family will find plenty of fun in central Oregon. Thrill seekers will enjoy off-highway vehicle driving or white water rafting on seven wild & scenic rivers. Those seeking a quiet escape will be drawn to auto touring or hiking through the high desert landscape, habitat for coyotes, antelope, and sage grouse. History buffs of all ages will learn more about the Oregon Trail by visiting two historic sites: Fourmile Canyon and the John Day River Crossing. For more information about Oregon Trail sites, see the special section at the top of this page.

- Lower Deschutes Wild & Scenic River:** The Lower Deschutes River is Central Oregon's playground. From white water rafting and swimming to hiking and biking, you'll find an ideal location for outdoor sports. Follow the Lower Deschutes River Back Country Byway along the river to campgrounds at Beaverlaid and Macks Canyon, or the accessible fishing ramp at Blue Hole. Then visit Sherars Falls, where Native Americans still fish the traditional way, leaning from tall platforms over the river to dipnet steelhead and salmon. The river is very popular and crowded during summer weekends, so arrive early to get a camp site. To obtain a boater pass, log on to: [www.waterpass.com](http://waterpass.com).



Mountain Biking

- John Day River Area:** This is angler country, nationally known for small mouth bass, steelhead, and trout fishing. In spring or early summer, float the North Fork of the John Day, a Wild & Scenic River. Then stay awhile at one of BLM's three campgrounds, ideal for swimming or picnicking. The Muleshoe Campground features accessible facilities. For current boating information, contact the BLM's Prineville District Office.
- South Fork John Day Wild & Scenic River:** Follow the Back Country Byway along the South Fork of the John Day River. Primitive camping, fishing, hunting, and hiking are popular activities in this narrow canyon. Along Murderer's Creek, one of the river's tributaries, train your binoculars on Rocky Mountain elk, highborn sheep, and mule deer, or birds ranging from woodpeckers and mountain grouse to quail, waterfowl, raptors, and song birds. During the winter, the road can be rough to impassable, so high clearance vehicles are recommended.
- Lower Crooked Wild & Scenic River:** Nationally known for its rainbow trout fly fishing, the Chimney Rock segment of this river has facilities for camping, swimming, and hiking. A paved portion of the 43-mile Lower Crooked River Back Country Byway winds its way through the river canyon's towering, red basalt canyon walls, called the Palisades. This part of the Byway provides public access to numerous campsites.



Off-Road Activities

- Millican Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area:** Off-highway vehicle users will enjoy kicking up some dust while navigating the rugged terrain and trails at this high desert site. Rev up your engine, and take on the challenge of wicked curves and straightaway stretches as big as all outdoors. Call the district for information on seasonal closures.

USDI Bureau of Land Management – BLM

The BLM manages 15.7 million acres of public land in Oregon together with some 23.4 million acres of federal minerals.

The Cascade Range divides the state into two distinct regions. BLM manages about 2.5 million acres on the moist, forested western side of the Cascades. Most BLM-managed lands, however, lie east of the Cascades where rainfall is less and temperatures are more extreme. These 13.4 million acres vary from high desert and rolling sage-brush plains to rugged, pine-covered mountains.

BLM's Resource Management
The Bureau's resource management responsibilities are as varied as the lands themselves. Congress has directed the BLM to manage public land resources for a combination of uses that will best serve the public – in a manner that will preserve these resources for future generations – within a framework of environmental responsibility and scientific technology. These natural resources include recreation, rangeland, forests, minerals, watersheds, fish and wildlife, wilderness, and air, as well as scenic, scientific, and cultural values.

Following the Oregon Trail
The Bureau of Land Management, keeper of the Oregon Trail, invites visitors to eight interpretive sites along the historic route. As you travel the footsteps of pioneers who traveled here more than 150 years ago, you'll understand the reality of the challenges faced by Oregon settlers during their 2,000 mile journey. Because several of the sites are accessible only in dry weather, contact local BLM district offices for information on road conditions before beginning your Oregon Trail adventure. Note: The letters next to the site names correspond to letters on the map.

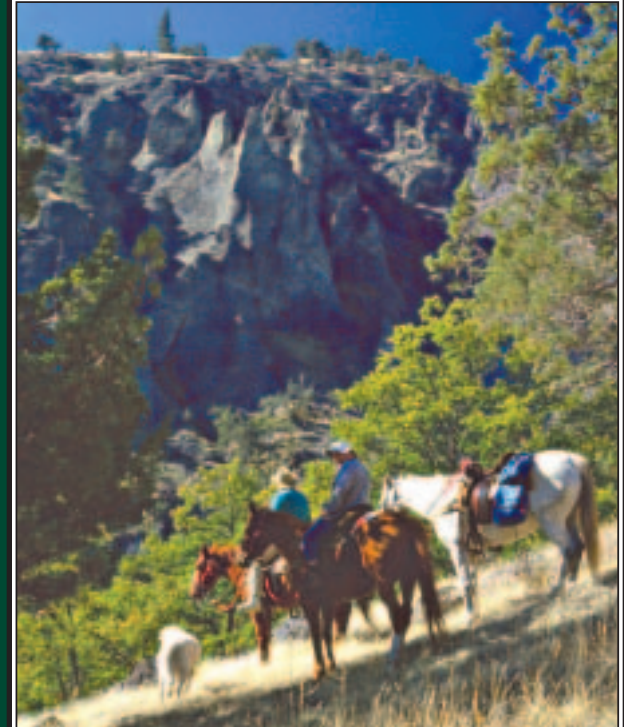
- Birch Creek**
From Birch Creek, the parade of iron-rimmed wagon wheels inscribed runs upon the landscape as they rolled to the Snake River four miles away. Visitors can still see these ruts etched in the earth, a monument to the thousands of pioneers who braved the journey to Oregon.
- Alkali Flat/Tid Hills Mountain**
Here modern-day travelers have one of the few remaining opportunities to follow the Oregon Trail along a 12-mile section of this 22-mile dirt road. Along this route is Alkali Springs, a "mooning" site for many emigrant parties. Caution: This road is suitable for high-clearance vehicles only (not for sedans, motor homes, buses or pulled trailers). It is not passable in wet weather. Heed posted warning signs and check locally for road conditions.
- Keeney Pass**
From this site, visitors can see four or five parallel sets of eroded trail ruts. The view from the top of the ridge line is a day's journey, the 15-mile stretch a wagon train could travel in a typical day. Here you can see all the way from the Snake River crossing near old Fort Boise to the Malheur crossing near present day Vale, Oregon.

- BLM Interpretive Center**
Here emigrants caught their first glimpse of the Blue Mountains, a hint of the verdant Oregon they had heard about. High on the hill, BLM's National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center dramatically tells the story of the hopes, joys, and heartaches of Oregon Trail pioneers. Using life-size displays, multi-media presentations, and living history, the Center gives visitors the chance to walk through a wagon train and join a group of emigrants crossing the frontier. The hill provides a view of historic wagon trails. Located off State Highway 86 just five miles east of Baker City, the Center is open daily except for Christmas and New Year's Day. Visit from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from April through October, or 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from November through March.
- Echo Meadows**
Halfway between the Umatilla River and a campground on Buttercreek, Echo Meadows was a popular "mooning" place where emigrants could rest themselves and their stock. Present-day visitors can see nearly one mile of intact wagon ruts here, part of the primary Oregon Trail route from 1847 to 1860.
- Fourmile Canyon**
In this area, visitors can see just over a half mile of some of the best-preserved wagon ruts running across Oregon's public lands.
- John Day Crossing**
The John Day River Crossing was mentioned in emigrant diaries as one of the worst on the trail. From the BLM interpretive site on the west side of the river, visitors can see the ruts of steep descent and the river ford which were prelude to a dangerous climb out of the steep, rugged John Day River Canyon. Wagon ruts on private land can also be seen from the interpretive site.

- Wildwood Recreation Site**
Seeking to avoid high tolls and a dangerous trip on the Columbia River, Samuel Barlow and Joel Palmer blazed a land route to western Oregon, taking emigrants over the Cascade Mountains and around Mount Hood to the end of the Trail at Oregon City. The historic Barlow Road traverses a portion of BLM's Wildwood Recreation Site and is easily accessible from U.S. Highway 26.



Hiking Trail in Wildwood



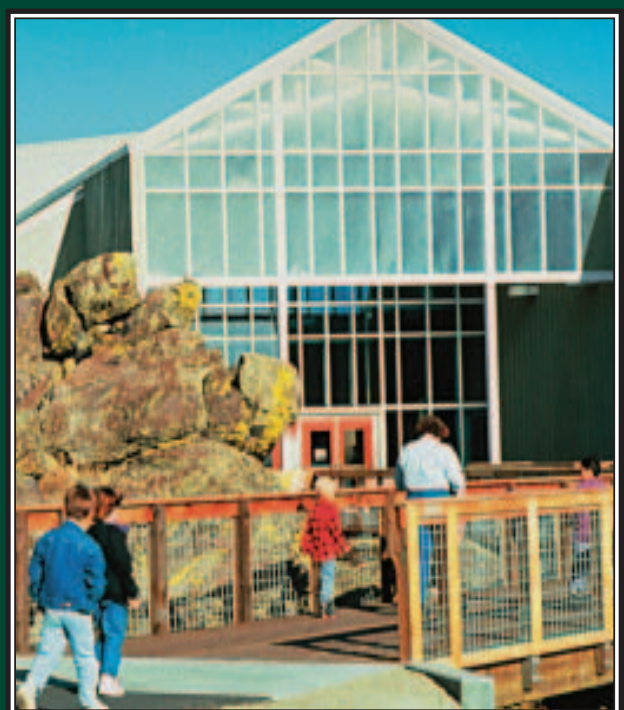
National Monuments protect special Landscapes in Oregon

Recreation
The BLM-managed public lands in Oregon offer unlimited recreation opportunities. They range from close-to-home picnicking and group picnicking in western Oregon, to exploration of remote wildland areas east of the Cascade Mountains. Recreational settings include evergreen forests; high desert mountain ranges; volcanic lava flows; rugged river canyons; white water rivers; sand dunes; coastal headlands, spits and scurries; and historic trails, as well as natural and prehistoric Indian occupation sites. Hunting, fishing, floatboating, hiking, camping and rock bounding are just a few activities that can be enjoyed on these public lands.

To assist you in the use, enjoyment, and appreciation of the public lands, this recreation map includes several special features:

- Developed recreation sites: campgrounds and picnic areas
- The Oregon Trail
- Wild & Scenic Rivers
- Back Country Byways
- Scenic, Historic and Recreation Trails
- Points of interest

Fees & Reservations
In general, there is no charge to use BLM-managed public lands. Fees are charged, however, at many of BLM's developed sites. Reservations are required at some of the group picnic and camp sites, and permits are required on certain float boating rivers. Check with BLM's district offices for more information on these requirements. Use of other developd sites is on a first-come, first-served basis. Golden Age and Golden Access Passport holders use BLM recreation facilities for half the usual fee.



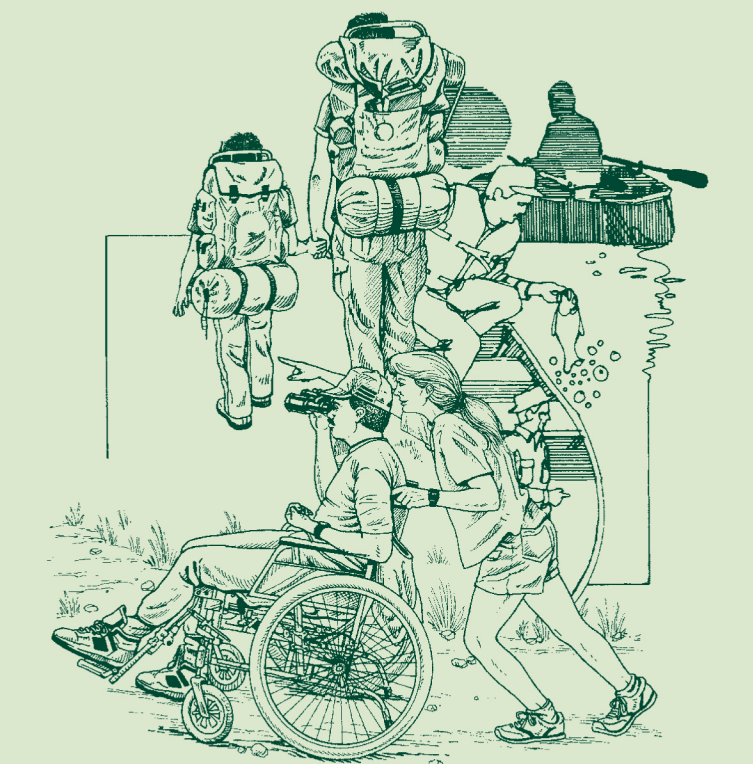
Historic Oregon Trail Center is a gateway to Oregon's past

BLM Oregon District Map Reference



For More Information
In addition to this recreation map, other publications and maps are available from BLM offices throughout Oregon. A fee is generally charged for maps, while many other publications are available at no cost. Map users should be aware that land status may change and that maps may not show all in-holdings or scattered tracts. A list of available maps can be obtained from BLM's Oregon/Washington State Office. Examples of maps and publications include:

- BLM Surface and Surface Mineral Management Status Maps – two series of multi-colored maps which cover the State of Oregon at a scale of 1:100,000 (1 inch equals about 1.58 miles). Fee charged.
- BLM's Watchable Wildlife Viewing Guide for Oregon and

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Black Rock										
Black Canyon										
Black Canyon Trail Interpretive Center										
Elbow Mountains										
Flaming Cliffs										
John Day Crossing										
Butter Run (Wildwood Rec. Site)										

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